

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention discloses pairs of oligonucleotide primers for use in detecting the presence or absence of an enterovirus in a sample. Also
5 disclosed are synthetic nucleotide sequences capable of specifically hybridizing to a sense strand of an enterovirus nucleic acid or a nucleic acid corresponding to the sense strand. The present invention provides a method of detecting the presence or absence of an enterovirus nucleic acid in a sample as well as a kit for detecting an enterovirus in a sample. The present
10 invention particularly provides a method and a kit for detecting and differentiating enterovirus type 71 and/or coxsackievirus A16 in a sample.

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